

EXHIBIT "A"



**Service of Process
Transmittal**

04/20/2017

CT Log Number 531088161

TO: Howard Harris
BMW of North America, LLC
300 Chestnut Ridge Road
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677-7731

RE: Process Served in California

FOR: BMW of North America, LLC (Domestic State: DE)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: LORENA GODINEZ, Pltf. vs. BMW of North America, LLC, etc., et al., Dfts.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: summons, Complaint, Attachment(s)

COURT/AGENCY: Los Angeles County - Superior Court - Hill Street, CA
Case # BC658238

NATURE OF ACTION: Product Liability Litigation - Lemon Law - 2010 BMW 328ISA, VIN
WBAPH5G54ANM34946

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: C T Corporation System, Los Angeles, CA

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: By Process Server on 04/20/2017 at 14:50

JURISDICTION SERVED : California

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: Within 30 days

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): Steve Mikhov
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ACTION ITEMS: CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 04/20/2017, Expected Purge Date:
04/25/2017

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SIGNED: C T Corporation System

ADDRESS: 818 West Seventh Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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4/20/17
2:50 p.**SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)****NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:****(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):**

BMW of North America, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, MCKENNA MOTOR COMPANY, INC., a CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, d/b/a MCKENNA BMW, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:**(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):**

LORENA GODINEZ

SUM-100

FOR COURT USE ONLY
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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

APR 18 2017

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By: Judi Lara, Deputy

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte pueda decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información e continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.aucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le queda más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, pueda perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.aucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desahogar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

Stanley Mosk Courthouse

111 North Hill Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Knight Law Group, LLP

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(310) 552-2250

DATE:

(Fecha)

APR 18 2017

SHERRI R. CARTER

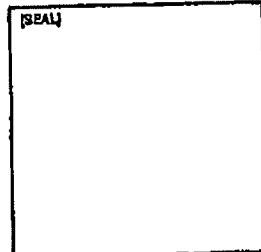
Clerk, by
(Secretario)

Judi Lara

Deputy
(Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

**NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served**

1. ☐ as an individual defendant.
2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

3. ☒ on behalf of (specify): BMW of North America, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company

under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
☒ other (specify): Corporation Code 17061 (Limited Liability Company)

4. ☒ by personal delivery on (date): 4/20/17

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8 **LORENA GODINEZ**

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9 **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

11 **LORENA GODINEZ,**

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 **BMW of North America, LLC, a Delaware**
15 **Limited Liability Company, MCKENNA**
16 **MOTOR COMPANY, INC., a California**
17 **Corporation, d/b/a MCKENNA BMW, and**
18 **DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,**

19 Defendants.

Case No.:

BC 6 5 8 2 3 8

Unlimited Jurisdiction

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COMPLAINT

1. **VIOLATION OF SONG-BEVERLY
ACT - BREACH OF EXPRESS
WARRANTY**
2. **VIOLATION OF SONG-BEVERLY
ACT - BREACH OF IMPLIED
WARRANTY**
3. **VIOLATION OF THE SONG-
BEVERLY ACT SECTION 1793.2**

*Assigned for All Purposes to the
Honorable*

Department

1 Plaintiff, LORENA GODINEZ, alleges as follows against Defendants, BMW of North
 2 America, LLC, ("BMW LLC") a Delaware Limited Liability Company, MCKENNA MOTOR
 3 COMPANY, INC., a California Corporation, d/b/a MCKENNA BMW, ("MCKENNA BMW"), and
 4 DOES 1 through 10 inclusive, on information and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under
 5 the circumstances:

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 7 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

8 1. Plaintiff, LORENA GODINEZ, hereby demands trial by jury in this action.
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10 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

11 2. Plaintiff, LORENA GODINEZ, is an individual residing in the City of Montebello, County
 12 of Los Angeles, and State of California.

13 3. Defendant BMW LLC is and was a Delaware Limited Liability Company registered to do
 14 business in the State of California with its registered office in the City of Los Angeles, County of
 15 Sacramento, and State of California.

16 4. Defendant MCKENNA BMW, is and at all relevant times was a California Corporation
 17 registered to do business in the State of California with its principal place of business in the City of
 18 Norwalk, County of Los Angeles, and State of California.

19 5. These causes of action arise out of the warranty obligations of BMW LLC in connection
 20 with a vehicle purchased by Plaintiff and for which BMW LLC issued a written warranty.

21 6. Plaintiff does not know the true names and capacities, whether corporate, partnership,
 22 associate, individual or otherwise of Defendant issued herein as Does 1 through 10, inclusive, under
 23 the provisions of section 474 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. Defendant Does 1 through
 24 10, inclusive, are in some manner responsible for the acts, occurrences and transactions set forth
 25 herein, and are legally liable to Plaintiff. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this Complaint to set
 26 forth the true names and capacities of the fictitiously named Defendant, together with appropriate
 27 charging allegations, when ascertained.

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1 7. All acts of corporate employees as alleged were authorized or ratified by an officer, director,
2 or managing agent of the corporate employer.

3 8. Each Defendant, whether actually or fictitiously named herein, was the principal, agent
4 (actual or ostensible), or employee of each other Defendant, and in acting as such principal or within
5 the course and scope of such employment or agency, took some part in the acts and omissions
6 hereinafter set forth by reason of which each Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for the relief prayed for
7 herein.

8 9. On December 31, 2009, Plaintiff purchased a new 2010 BMW 328iSA, VIN:
9 WBAPH5G54ANM34946, ("the vehicle"). Express warranties accompanied the sale of the vehicle
10 to Plaintiff by which BMW LLC undertook to preserve or maintain the utility or performance of
11 Plaintiff's vehicle or to provide compensation if there was a failure in such utility or performance.
12 The sales contract is attached hereto and incorporated by its reference as Exhibit 1.

13 10. The vehicle was delivered to Plaintiff with serious defects and nonconformities to warranty
14 and developed other serious defects and nonconformities to warranty including, but not limited to,
15 engine, exterior, HVAC, brakes, steering, interior, and electrical system defects.

16 11. Plaintiff hereby revokes acceptance of the sales contract.

17 12. Pursuant to the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act (herein after the "Act") Civil Code
18 sections 1790 *et seq.* the subject vehicle constitutes "consumer goods" used primarily for family or
19 household purposes, and Plaintiff has used the vehicle primarily for those purposes.

20 13. Plaintiff is a "buyer" of consumer goods under the Act.

21 14. Defendant BMW LLC is a "manufacturer" and/or "distributor" under the Act.

22 15. Plaintiff hereby demands trial by jury in this action.

23 24 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

25 **Violation of the Song-Beverly Act – Breach of Express Warranty**

26 16. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation contained in the
27 preceding and succeeding paragraphs as though herein fully restated and re-alleged.

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1 17. Express warranties accompanied the sale of the vehicle to Plaintiff by which BMW LLC
2 undertook to preserve or maintain the utility or performance of Plaintiff's vehicle or to provide
3 compensation if there was a failure in such utility or performance.

4 18. The vehicle was delivered to Plaintiff with serious defects and nonconformities to warranty
5 and developed other serious defects and nonconformities to warranty including, but not limited to,
6 engine, exterior, HVAC, brakes, steering, interior, and electrical system defects.

7 19. Pursuant to the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act (herein after the "Act") Civil Code
8 sections 1790 *et seq.* the vehicle constitutes "consumer goods" used primarily for family or
9 household purposes, and Plaintiff has used the vehicle primarily for those purposes.

10 20. Plaintiff is the "buyer" of consumer goods under the Act.

11 21. Defendant BMW LLC is a "manufacturer" and/or "distributor" under the Act.

12 22. The foregoing defects and nonconformities to warranty manifested themselves within the
13 applicable express warranty period. The nonconformities substantially impair the use, value and/or
14 safety of the vehicle.

15 23. Plaintiff delivered the vehicle to an authorized BMW LLC repair facility for repair of the
16 nonconformities.

17 24. Defendant was unable to conform Plaintiff's vehicle to the applicable express after a
18 reasonable number of repair attempts.

19 25. Notwithstanding Plaintiff's entitlement, Defendant BMW LLC has failed to either promptly
20 replace the new motor vehicle or to promptly make restitution in accordance with the Song-Beverly
21 Act.

22 26. By failure of Defendant to remedy the defects as alleged above, or to issue a refund or
23 replacement vehicle, Defendant is in breach of its obligations under the Song-Beverly Act.

24 27. Under the Act, Plaintiff is entitled to reimbursement of the price paid for the vehicle less that
25 amount directly attributable to use by the Plaintiff prior to discovery of the nonconformities.

26 28. Plaintiff is entitled to all incidental, consequential, and general damages resulting from
27 Defendant's failure to comply with its obligations under the Song-Beverly Act.

28 29. Plaintiff is entitled under the Song-Beverly Act to recover as part of the judgment a sum

1 equal to the aggregate amount of costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred
2 in connection with the commencement and prosecution of this action.

3 30. Plaintiff is entitled in addition to the amounts recovered, a civil penalty of up to two times
4 the amount of actual damages for BMW LLC's willful failure to comply with its responsibilities
5 under the Act.

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7 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

8 **Violation of the Song-Beverly Act -- Breach of Implied Warranty**

9 31. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation contained in the
10 preceding and succeeding paragraphs as though herein fully restated and re-alleged.

11 32. BMW LLC and its authorized dealership at which Plaintiff purchased the subject vehicle had
12 reason to know the purpose of the subject vehicle at the time of sale of the subject vehicle. The sale
13 of the subject vehicle was accompanied by an implied warranty of fitness.

14 33. The sale of the subject vehicle was accompanied by an implied warranty that the subject
15 vehicle was merchantable pursuant to Civil Code section 1792.

16 34. The subject vehicle was not fit for the ordinary purpose for which such goods are used
17 because it was equipped with a defective engine, exterior, HVAC, brakes, steering, interior, and
18 electrical system.

19 35. The subject vehicle did not measure up to the promises or facts stated on the container or
20 label because it was equipped with a defective engine, exterior, HVAC, brakes, steering, interior,
21 and electrical system.

22 36. The subject vehicle was not of the same quality as those generally acceptable in the trade
23 because it was equipped with a defective engine, exterior, HVAC, brakes, steering, interior, and
24 electrical system.

25 37. Plaintiff is entitled to justifiably revoke acceptance of the subject vehicle under Civil Code,
26 section 1794, *et seq*;

27 38. Plaintiff hereby revokes acceptance of the subject vehicle.

28 39. Plaintiff is entitled to replacement or reimbursement pursuant to Civil Code, section 1794, *et*

1 *seq.*

2 40. Plaintiff is entitled to rescission of the contract pursuant to Civil Code, section 1794, *et seq.*
3 and Commercial Code, section 2711.

4 41. Plaintiff is entitled to recover any "cover" damages under Commercial Code, sections 2711,
5 2712, and Civil Code, section 1794, *et seq.*

6 42. Plaintiff is entitled to recover all incidental and consequential damages pursuant to 1794 *et*
7 *seq* and Commercial Code, sections 2711, 2712, and 2713 *et seq.*

8 9 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **Violation of the Song-Beverly Act Section 1793.2**

11 43. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation contained in the
12 preceding and succeeding paragraphs as though herein fully restated and re-alleged.

13 44. Pursuant to Civil Code, section 1793.2, subdivision (a) a manufacturer that sells consumer
14 goods in California, for which it has made an express warranty, shall maintain service and repair
15 facilities or designate and authorize independent service and repair facilities to carry out the terms
16 of those warranties.

17 45. Pursuant to Civil Code, section 1793.2, subdivision (b), when service and repair of goods is
18 necessary because they do not conform with the applicable express warranties, service and repair
19 shall be commenced within a reasonable time by the manufacturer or its representative.

20 46. Civil Code, section 1793.2, subdivision (b) further states that goods shall be serviced or
21 repaired so as to conform to the applicable warranties within 30 days.

22 47. The sale of the subject vehicle was accompanied by express warranties, including a warranty
23 guaranteeing that the subject vehicle was safe to drive and not equipped with defective parts,
24 including the engine, exterior, HVAC, brakes, steering, interior, and electrical system.

25 48. Plaintiff delivered the subject vehicle to BMW LLC's authorized service representative(s),
26 McKenna BMW and New Century BMW, on multiple occasions. The subject vehicle was delivered
27 for repairs of the transmission and engine, which amount to a nonconformity to the express
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warranties that accompanied the sale of the subject vehicle.

49. Since delivery of the subject vehicle to McKenna BMW and New Century BMW, over thirty days have past and BMW LLC, McKenna BMW and New Century BMW have failed to tender the subject vehicle back to Plaintiff in conformance with its warranties.

50. Plaintiff is entitled to justifiably revoke acceptance of the subject vehicle under Civil Code, section 1794, *et seq*;

51. Plaintiff hereby revokes acceptance of the subject vehicle.

52. Plaintiff is entitled to replacement or reimbursement pursuant to Civil Code, section 1794, *et seq*.

53. Plaintiff is entitled to rescission of the contract pursuant to Civil Code section 1794, *et seq*. and Commercial Code, section 2711.

54. Plaintiff is entitled to recover any "cover" damages under Commercial Code sections 2711, 2712, and Civil Code, section 1794, *et seq*.

55. Plaintiff is entitled to recover all incidental and consequential damages pursuant to 1794 *et seq* and Commercial Code sections, 2711, 2712, and 2713 *et seq*.

56. Plaintiff is entitled in addition to the amounts recovered, a civil penalty of up to two times the amount of actual damages in that BMW LLC has willfully failed to comply with its responsibilities under the Act.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

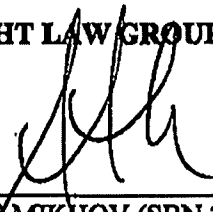
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant(s), as follows:

1. For general, special and actual damages according to proof at trial;
2. For rescission of the purchase contract and restitution of all monies expended;
3. For diminution in value;
4. For incidental and consequential damages according to proof at trial;
5. For civil penalty in the amount of two times Plaintiff's actual damages;
6. For prejudgment interest at the legal rate;
7. For reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit; and

1 8. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

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3 Dated: April 17, 2017

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9 LORENA GODINEZ

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EXHIBIT 1

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CONFERENCING AGREEMENTS

FINANCE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

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2. YOUR OFFICE / MEMBER TO BE

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DATE _____

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PLEASE REVIEW - DISCOUNT - IMPROVE YOUR LEGAL RESULTS

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NOTHING ANY HOLDER OF THE CREDIT CARD CONTRACT IS LIABLE TO ALL CLAIMS AND DEFENSES TO WHICH THE DEBTOR COULD ASSERT AGAINST THE ISSUER OF CREDIT OR BUSINESS CREDITED PURSUANT HERETO OR WITH THE PROCEEDS THEREOF RECOVERY HEREUNDER BY THE CREDITOR SHALL NOT EXCEED AMOUNTS PAID BY THE CREDIT CARD CONTRACT.

*The preceding WARRANTY applies only if the "purchaser, lessee or bailee" has in the "Warranty Area or Within Jurisdiction" neither a credit contract in existence, in all other states, Buyer will not contract against any subsequent holder in good faith of this contract any choice of damages, the Buyer hereby waives any right against the Seller, or against the manufacturer of the vehicle or equipment involved.

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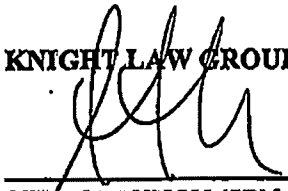
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26 Attorneys for Plaintiff,
27 **LORENA GODINEZ**
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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): Steve Mikhov (SBN 224676) Knight Law Group, LLP 1801 Century Park East, Suite 2300, Los Angeles, CA 90067 TELEPHONE NO: (310) 552-2250 FAX NO: (310) 552-7973 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): LORENA GODINEZ		FOR COURT USE ONLY CONFORMED COPY ORIGINAL FILED Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles APR 18 2017 Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk By: Judi Lara, Deputy
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STREET ADDRESS: 111 North Hill Street MAILING ADDRESS: 111 North Hill Street CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012 BRANCH NAME: Stanley Mosk Courthouse		
CASE NAME: LORENA GODINEZ v. BMW of North America, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, et al.		
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less) Complex Case Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Counter <input type="checkbox"/> Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)		CASE NUMBER: BC 6 5 8 2 3 8 JUDGE: DEPT:

Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

Auto Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46) Other PIP/DWD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input type="checkbox"/> Other PIP/DWD (23) Non-PIP/DWD (Other) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PIP/DWD tort (35) Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (38) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	Contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37) Real Property <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26) Unlawful Detainer <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38) Judicial Review <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20) Miscellaneous Civil Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42) Miscellaneous Civil Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)
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2. This case ☐ is ☒ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
- | | |
|--|--|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve | e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence | f. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision |
3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☐ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☐ punitive
4. Number of causes of action (specify): 3
5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: 4/17/17

Steve Mikhov

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Auto Tort	Contract	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)
Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)
Uninsured Motorist (48) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)	Breach of Rental/Lease	Construction Defect (10)
	Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
	Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller	Securities Litigation (28)
	Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence)	Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
	Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty	Insurance Coverage Claims (arising from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41)
Other PUPD/WO (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	Other Breach of Contract/Warranty	Enforcement of Judgment
Asbestos (04)	Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (08)	Enforcement of Judgment (20)
Asbestos Property Damage	Collection Case—Seller Plaintiff	Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)
Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24)	Insurance Coverage (not provisionally complex) (18)	Sister State Judgment
Medical Malpractice (45)	Auto Subrogation	Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)
Medical Malpractice—Physicians & Surgeons	Other Coverage	Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	Other Contract (37)	Other Enforcement of Judgment Case
Other PUPD/WO (23)	Contractual Fraud	
Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)	Other Contract Dispute	Miscellaneous Civil Complaint
Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WO (e.g., assault, vandalism)	Real Property	RICO (27)
Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	Other Complaint (not specified above) (42)
Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress	Wrongful Eviction (33)	Declaratory Relief Only
Other PUPD/WO	Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)	Injunctive Relief Only (non-harassment)
Non-PUPD/WO (Other) Tort	Writ of Possession of Real Property	Mechanics Lien
Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)	Mortgage Foreclosure	Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)
Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08)	Quiet Title	Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)
Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)	Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure)	Miscellaneous Civil Petition
Fraud (16)	Unlawful Detainer	Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)
Intellectual Property (18)	Commercial (31)	Other Petition (not specified above) (43)
Professional Negligence (25)	Residential (32)	Civil Harassment
Legal Malpractice	Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential)	Workplace Violence
Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	Judicial Review	Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse
Other Non-PUPD/WO Tort (35)	Asset Forfeiture (05)	Election Contest
Employment	Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)	Petition for Name Change
Wrongful Termination (36)	Writ of Mandate (02)	Petition for Relief From Late Claim
Other Employment (15)	Writ—Administrative Mandamus	Other Civil Petition
	Writ—Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter	
	Writ—Other Limited Court Case Review	
	Other Judicial Review (39)	
	Review of Health Officer Order	
	Notice of Appeal—Labor Commissioner Appeals	

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**CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND
STATEMENT OF LOCATION
(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)**

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.0 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Item I. Check the types of hearing and fill in the estimated length of hearing expected for this case:

JURY TRIAL? ☒ YES CLASS ACTION? ☐ YES LIMITED CASE? ☐ YES TIME ESTIMATED FOR TRIAL 5 ☐ HOURS/ ☒ DAYS

Item II. Indicate the correct district and courthouse location (4 steps – If you checked "Limited Case", skip to Item III, Pg. 4):

Step 1: After first completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet form, find the main Civil Case Cover Sheet heading for your case in the left margin below, and, to the right in Column A, the Civil Case Cover Sheet case type you selected.

Step 2: Check one Superior Court type of action in Column B below which best describes the nature of this case.

Step 3: In Column C, circle the reason for the court location choice that applies to the type of action you have checked. For any exception to the court location, see Local Rule 2.0.

Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (see Column C below)

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| 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, central district. | 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle. |
| 2. May be filed in central (other county, or no bodily injury/property damage). | 7. Location where petitioner resides. |
| 3. Location where cause of action arose. | 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly. |
| 4. Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred. | 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside. |
| 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides. | 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office |

Step 4: Fill in the information requested on page 4 in Item III; complete Item IV. Sign the declaration.

	A	B	C
	Auto Tort	Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	
Auto Tort	Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 2., 4.
	Uninsured Motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death - Uninsured Motorist	1., 2., 4.
Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Tort	Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> A8070 Asbestos Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	2. 2.
	Product Liability (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7280 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1., 2., 3., 4., 8.
	Medical Malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons <input type="checkbox"/> A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1., 4. 1., 4.
	Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)	1., 4.
		<input type="checkbox"/> A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.)	1., 4.
		<input type="checkbox"/> A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress	1., 3.
		<input type="checkbox"/> A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 4.

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	Case No.	Case Title	Case No.
Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Tort	Business Tort (07)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1., 3.
	Civil Rights (08)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1., 2., 3.
	Defamation (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1., 2., 3.
	Fraud (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1., 2., 3.
	Professional Negligence (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6017 Legal Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1., 2., 3. 1., 2., 3.
	Other (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6026 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	2., 3.
Employment	Wrongful Termination (38)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6037 Wrongful Termination	1., 2., 3.
	Other Employment (15)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	1., 2., 3. 10.
Contract	Breach of Contract/Warranty (08) (not Insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence) <input type="checkbox"/> A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud) <input type="checkbox"/> A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	2., 5. 2., 5. 1., 2., 5. 1., 2., 5.
	Collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	2., 5., 6. 2., 5.
	Insurance Coverage (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6016 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1., 2., 5., 8.
	Other Contract (37)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6009 Contractual Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> A6031 Tortious Interference <input type="checkbox"/> A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 8.
	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels _____	2.
Real Property	Wrongful Eviction (33)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2., 6.
	Other Real Property (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> A6032 Quiet Title <input type="checkbox"/> A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2., 6. 2., 6. 2., 6.
	Unlawful Detainer	<input type="checkbox"/> A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction) <input type="checkbox"/> A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction) <input type="checkbox"/> A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2., 6. 2., 6. 2., 6. 2., 6.

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	Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum	Case Number
Judicial Review	Asset Forfeiture (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case 2., 6.
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration 2., 6.
	Writ of Mandate (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6161 Writ - Administrative Mandamus 2., 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A6162 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review 2.
	Other Judicial Review (39)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6160 Other Writ /Judicial Review 2., 8.
	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation 1., 2., 8.
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Construction Defect (10)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6007 Construction Defect 1., 2., 3.
	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6008 Claims Involving Mass Tort 1., 2., 8.
	Securities Litigation (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6035 Securities Litigation Case 1., 2., 8.
	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental 1., 2., 3., 8.
	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only) 1., 2., 5., 8.
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6141 Sister State Judgment 2., 9. <input type="checkbox"/> A6180 Abstract of Judgment 2., 6. <input type="checkbox"/> A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations) 2., 9. <input type="checkbox"/> A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) 2., 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax 2., 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case 2., 8., 9.
	RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case 1., 2., 8.
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints	Other Complaints (Not Specified Above) (42)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6030 Declaratory Relief Only 1., 2., 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment) 2., 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex) 1., 2., 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex) 1., 2., 8.
	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case 2., 8.
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Other Petitions (Not Specified Above) (43)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6121 Civil Harassment 2., 3., 9. <input type="checkbox"/> A6123 Workplace Harassment 2., 3., 9. <input type="checkbox"/> A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case 2., 3., 9. <input type="checkbox"/> A6180 Election Contest 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A6110 Petition for Change of Name 2., 7. <input type="checkbox"/> A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law 2., 3., 4., 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A6100 Other Civil Petition 2., 8.

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Item III. Statement of Location: Enter the address of the accident, party's residence or place of business, performance, or other circumstance indicated in Item II., Step 3 on Page 1, as the proper reason for filing in the court location you selected.

REASON: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected for this case. <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. <input type="checkbox"/> 7. <input type="checkbox"/> 8. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <input type="checkbox"/> 10.		ADDRESS: 10800 Firestone Blvd.
CITY: Norwalk	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 90850

Item IV. Declaration of Assignment: I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that the above-entitled matter is properly filed for assignment to the Stanley Mosk courthouse in the Central District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., § 392 et seq., and Local Rule 2.0, subds. (b), (c) and (d)].

Dated: 4/17/17


(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 03/11).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT - UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE (NON-CLASS ACTION)
Case Number _____

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THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judge indicated below. There is more information on the reverse side of this form.

ASSIGNED JUDGE	DEPT	ROOM	ASSIGNED JUDGE	DEPT	ROOM
Hon. Debra K. Weintraub	1	534	Hon. Elizabeth Allen White	48	506
Hon. Barbara A. Meiers	12	636	Hon. Deirdre Hill	49	509
Hon. Terry A. Green	14	300	Hon. Teresa A. Beaudet	50	508
Hon. Richard Fruin	15	307	Hon. Michael J. Raphael	51	511
Hon. Rita Miller	16	306	Hon. Susan Bryant-Deason	52	510
Hon. Richard E. Rico	17	309	Hon. Howard L. Halm	53	513
Hon. Stephanie Bowick	19	311	Hon. Ernest M. Hiroshige	54	512
Hon. Dalila Corral Lyons	20	310	Hon. Malcolm H. Mackey	55	515
Hon. Robert L. Hess	24	314	Hon. Michael Johnson	56	514
Hon. Yvette M. Palazuelos	28	318	Hon. John P. Doyle	58	516
Hon. Barbara Schepher	30	400	Hon. Gregory Keosian	61	732
Hon. Samantha Jessner	31	407	Hon. Michael L. Stern	62	600
Hon. Daniel S. Murphy	32	406	Hon. Mark Mooney	68	617
Hon. Michael P. Linfield	34	408	Hon. William F. Fahey	69	621
Hon. Gregory Alarcon	36	410	Hon. Monica Bachner	71	729
Hon. Marc Marmaro	37	413	Hon. Ruth Ann Kwan	72	731
Hon. Maureen Duffy-Lewis	38	412	Hon. Rafael Ongkeko	73	733
Hon. Elizabeth Feffer	39	415	Hon. Teresa Sanchez-Gordon	74	735
Hon. David Sotelo	40	414	Hon. Gail Ruderman Feuer	78	730
Hon. Holly E. Kendig	42	416			
Hon. Mel Red Recana	45	529	Hon. Steven J. Kleinfeld	324	CCW
Hon. Frederick C. Shaller	46	500	*Provisionally Complex Non-class Action Cases Assignment is Pending Complex Determination	308	CCW
Hon. Randolph Hammock	47	507			

***Complex**

All non-class action cases designated as provisionally complex are forwarded to the Supervising Judge of the Complex Litigation Program located in the Central Civil West Courthouse (600 S. Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles 90005), for complex/non-complex determination pursuant to Local Rule 3.3(k). This procedure is for the purpose of assessing whether or not the case is complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court, rule 3.400. Depending on the outcome of that assessment, the case may be reassigned to one of the judges of the Complex Litigation Program or reassigned randomly to a court in the Central District.

Given to the Plaintiff/Cross-Complainant/Attorney of Record on APR 18 2017 SHERRIE CARTER, Executive Officer/Clerk

By [Signature], Deputy Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES

The following critical provisions of the Chapter Three Rules, as applicable in the Central District, are summarized for your assistance.

APPLICATION

The Chapter Three Rules were effective January 1, 1994. They apply to all general civil cases.

PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Chapter Three Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure section 170.6 must be made within 15 days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

TIME STANDARDS

Cases assigned to the Individual Calendaring Court will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

COMPLAINTS: All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days of filing.

CROSS-COMPLAINTS: Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

A Status Conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court will require the parties at a status conference not more than 10 days before the trial to have timely filed and served all motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested jury instructions, and special jury instructions and special jury verdicts. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least 5 days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Eight of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

SANCTIONS

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party or if appropriate on counsel for the party.

This is not a complete delineation of the Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is absolutely imperative.

VOLUNTARY EFFICIENT LITIGATION STIPULATIONS



Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles



Los Angeles County
Bar Association
Litigation Section

Los Angeles County
Bar Association Labor and
Employment Law Section



Consumer Attorneys
Association of Los Angeles



Southern California
Defense Counsel



Association of
Business Trial Lawyers



California Employment
Lawyers Association

The Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, Discovery Resolution Stipulation, and Motions in Limine Stipulation are voluntary stipulations entered into by the parties. The parties may enter into one, two, or all three of the stipulations; however, they may not alter the stipulations as written, because the Court wants to ensure uniformity of application. These stipulations are meant to encourage cooperation between the parties and to assist in resolving issues in a manner that promotes economic case resolution and judicial efficiency.

The following organizations endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases.

◆ Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section ◆

◆ Los Angeles County Bar Association
Labor and Employment Law Section ◆

◆ Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles ◆

◆ Southern California Defense Counsel ◆

◆ Association of Business Trial Lawyers ◆

◆ California Employment Lawyers Association ◆

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY:		STATE BAR NUMBER	Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp
TELEPHONE NO.:		FAX NO. (Optional):	
E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional):			
ATTORNEY FOR (Name):			
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES			
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:			
PLAINTIFF:			
DEFENDANT:			
STIPULATION – DISCOVERY RESOLUTION			CASE NUMBER:

This stipulation is intended to provide a fast and informal resolution of discovery issues through limited paperwork and an informal conference with the Court to aid in the resolution of the issues.

The parties agree that:

1. Prior to the discovery cut-off in this action, no discovery motion shall be filed or heard unless the moving party first makes a written request for an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the terms of this stipulation.
2. At the Informal Discovery Conference the Court will consider the dispute presented by parties and determine whether it can be resolved informally. Nothing set forth herein will preclude a party from making a record at the conclusion of an Informal Discovery Conference, either orally or in writing.
3. Following a reasonable and good faith attempt at an informal resolution of each issue to be presented, a party may request an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the following procedures:
 - a. The party requesting the Informal Discovery Conference will:
 - i. File a Request for Informal Discovery Conference with the clerk's office on the approved form (copy attached) and deliver a courtesy, conformed copy to the assigned department;
 - ii. Include a brief summary of the dispute and specify the relief requested; and
 - iii. Serve the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Request for Informal Discovery Conference no later than the next court day following the filing.
 - b. Any Answer to a Request for Informal Discovery Conference must:
 - i. Also be filed on the approved form (copy attached);
 - ii. Include a brief summary of why the requested relief should be denied;

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- iii. Be filed within two (2) court days of receipt of the Request; and
 - iv. Be served on the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed upon method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Answer no later than the next court day following the filing.
- c. No other pleadings, including but not limited to exhibits, declarations, or attachments, will be accepted.
 - d. If the Court has not granted or denied the Request for Informal Discovery Conference within ten (10) days following the filing of the Request, then it shall be deemed to have been denied. If the Court acts on the Request, the parties will be notified whether the Request for Informal Discovery Conference has been granted or denied and, if granted, the date and time of the Informal Discovery Conference, which must be within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference.
 - e. If the conference is not held within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, unless extended by agreement of the parties and the Court, then the Request for the Informal Discovery Conference shall be deemed to have been denied at that time.
- 4. If (a) the Court has denied a conference or (b) one of the time deadlines above has expired without the Court having acted or (c) the Informal Discovery Conference is concluded without resolving the dispute, then a party may file a discovery motion to address unresolved issues.
 - 5. The parties hereby further agree that the time for making a motion to compel or other discovery motion is tolled from the date of filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference until (a) the request is denied or deemed denied or (b) twenty (20) days after the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, whichever is earlier, unless extended by Order of the Court.
- It is the understanding and intent of the parties that this stipulation shall, for each discovery dispute to which it applies, constitute a writing memorializing a "specific later date to which the propounding [or demanding or requesting] party and the responding party have agreed in writing," within the meaning of Code Civil Procedure sections 2030.300(c), 2031.320(c), and 2033.290(c).
- 6. Nothing herein will preclude any party from applying *ex parte* for appropriate relief, including an order shortening time for a motion to be heard concerning discovery.
 - 7. Any party may terminate this stipulation by giving twenty-one (21) days notice of intent to terminate the stipulation.
 - 8. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day.

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The following parties stipulate:

Date:

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(ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF)

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(ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT)

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY:		STATE BAR NUMBER	Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp
TELEPHONE NO.: E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name):		FAX NO. (Optional):	
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES			
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:			
PLAINTIFF:			
DEFENDANT:			CASE NUMBER:
STIPULATION – EARLY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING			

This stipulation is intended to encourage cooperation among the parties at an early stage in the litigation and to assist the parties in efficient case resolution.

The parties agree that:

1. The parties commit to conduct an initial conference (in-person or via teleconference or via videoconference) within 15 days from the date this stipulation is signed, *to discuss and consider whether there can be agreement on the following:*
 - a. Are motions to challenge the pleadings necessary? If the issue can be resolved by amendment as of right, or if the Court would allow leave to amend, could an amended complaint resolve most or all of the issues a demurrer might otherwise raise? If so, the parties agree to work through pleading issues so that a demurrer need only raise issues they cannot resolve. Is the issue that the defendant seeks to raise amenable to resolution on demurrer, or would some other type of motion be preferable? Could a voluntary targeted exchange of documents or information by any party cure an uncertainty in the pleadings?
 - b. Initial mutual exchanges of documents at the "core" of the litigation. (For example, in an employment case, the employment records, personnel file and documents relating to the conduct in question could be considered "core." In a personal injury case, an incident or police report, medical records, and repair or maintenance records could be considered "core.");
 - c. Exchange of names and contact information of witnesses;
 - d. Any insurance agreement that may be available to satisfy part or all of a judgment, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment;
 - e. Exchange of any other information that might be helpful to facilitate understanding, handling, or resolution of the case in a manner that preserves objections or privileges by agreement;
 - f. Controlling issues of law that, if resolved early, will promote efficiency and economy in other phases of the case. Also, when and how such issues can be presented to the Court;
 - g. Whether or when the case should be scheduled with a settlement officer, what discovery or court ruling on legal issues is reasonably required to make settlement discussions meaningful, and whether the parties wish to use a sitting judge or a private mediator or other options as

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discussed in the "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Package" served with the complaint;

- h. Computation of damages, including documents, not privileged or protected from disclosure, on which such computation is based;
 - i. Whether the case is suitable for the Expedited Jury Trial procedures (see information at www.lacourt.org under "Civil" and then under "General Information").
2. The time for a defending party to respond to a complaint or cross-complaint will be extended to _____ for the complaint, and _____ for the cross-complaint, which is comprised of the 30 days to respond under Government Code § 68616(b), and the 30 days permitted by Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a), good cause having been found by the Civil Supervising Judge due to the case management benefits provided by this Stipulation. A copy of the General Order can be found at www.lacourt.org under "Civil", click on "General Information", then click on "Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations".
 3. The parties will prepare a joint report titled "Joint Status Report Pursuant to Initial Conference and Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, and if desired, a proposed order summarizing results of their meet and confer and advising the Court of any way it may assist the parties' efficient conduct or resolution of the case. The parties shall attach the Joint Status Report to the Case Management Conference statement, and file the documents when the CMC statement is due.
 4. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day

The following parties stipulate:

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	(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF)
Date:	_____	>	_____
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY:		STATE BAR NUMBER	Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES			
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:			
PLAINTIFF:			
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INFORMAL DISCOVERY CONFERENCE (pursuant to the Discovery Resolution Stipulation of the parties)			

1. This document relates to:

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Request for Informal Discovery Conference
 Answer to Request for Informal Discovery Conference

2. Deadline for Court to decide on Request: _____ (insert date 10 calendar days following filing of the Request).
3. Deadline for Court to hold Informal Discovery Conference: _____ (insert date 20 calendar days following filing of the Request).
4. For a Request for Informal Discovery Conference, briefly describe the nature of the discovery dispute, including the facts and legal arguments at issue. For an Answer to Request for Informal Discovery Conference, briefly describe why the Court should deny the requested discovery, including the facts and legal arguments at issue.

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STIPULATION AND ORDER – MOTIONS IN LIMINE			

This stipulation is intended to provide fast and informal resolution of evidentiary issues through diligent efforts to define and discuss such issues and limit paperwork.

The parties agree that:

1. At least ____ days before the final status conference, each party will provide all other parties with a list containing a one paragraph explanation of each proposed motion in limine. Each one paragraph explanation must identify the substance of a single proposed motion in limine and the grounds for the proposed motion.
2. The parties thereafter will meet and confer, either in person or via teleconference or videoconference, concerning all proposed motions in limine. In that meet and confer, the parties will determine:
 - a. Whether the parties can stipulate to any of the proposed motions. If the parties so stipulate, they may file a stipulation and proposed order with the Court.
 - b. Whether any of the proposed motions can be briefed and submitted by means of a short joint statement of issues. For each motion which can be addressed by a short joint statement of issues, a short joint statement of issues must be filed with the Court 10 days prior to the final status conference. Each side's portion of the short joint statement of issues may not exceed three pages. The parties will meet and confer to agree on a date and manner for exchanging the parties' respective portions of the short joint statement of issues and the process for filing the short joint statement of issues.
3. All proposed motions in limine that are not either the subject of a stipulation or briefed via a short joint statement of issues will be briefed and filed in accordance with the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

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(ATTORNEY FOR _____)

THE COURT SO ORDERS.

Date: _____

JUDICIAL OFFICER

Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles



ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKET

The person who files a civil lawsuit (plaintiff) must include the ADR Information Packet with the complaint when serving the defendant. Cross-complainants must serve the ADR Information Packet on any new parties named to the action together with the cross-complaint.

There are a number of ways to resolve civil disputes without having to sue someone. These alternatives to a lawsuit are known as alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

In ADR, trained, impartial persons decide disputes or help parties decide disputes themselves. These persons are called neutrals. For example, in mediations, the neutral is the mediator. Neutrals normally are chosen by the disputing parties or by the court. Neutrals can help resolve disputes without having to go to court.

Advantages of ADR

- Often faster than going to trial
- Often less expensive, saving the litigants court costs, attorney's fees and expert fees.
- May permit more participation, allowing parties to have more control over the outcome.
- Allows for flexibility in choice of ADR processes and resolution of the dispute.
- Fosters cooperation by allowing parties to work together with the neutral to resolve the dispute and mutually agree to remedy.
- There are fewer, if any, court appearances. Because ADR can be faster and save money, it can reduce stress.

Disadvantages of ADR - ADR may not be suitable for every dispute.

- If ADR is binding, the parties normally give up most court protections, including a decision by a Judge or jury under formal rules of evidence and procedure, and review for legal error by an appellate court.
- ADR may not be effective if it takes place before the parties have sufficient information to resolve the dispute.
- The neutral may charge a fee for his or her services.
- If the dispute is not resolved through ADR, the parties may then have to face the usual and traditional costs of trial, such as attorney's fees and expert fees.

The Most Common Types of ADR

- **Mediation**

In mediation, a neutral (the mediator) assists the parties in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution of their dispute. Unlike lawsuits or some other types of ADR, the parties, rather than the mediator, decide how the dispute is to be resolved.

- **Mediation is particularly effective** when the parties have a continuing relationship, like neighbors or business people. Mediation is also very effective where personal feelings are getting in the way of a resolution. This is because mediation normally gives the parties a chance to express their feelings and find out how the other sees things.
- **Mediation may not be effective** when one party is unwilling to cooperate or compromise or when one of the parties has a significant advantage in power over the other. Therefore, it may not be a good choice if the parties have a history of abuse or victimization.

- **Arbitration**

In arbitration, a neutral person called an "arbitrator" hears arguments and evidence from each side and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is typically less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence may be relaxed. Arbitration may be either "binding" or "non-binding." Binding arbitration means the parties waive their right to a trial and agree to accept the arbitrator's decision as final. Non-binding arbitration means that the parties are free to request a trial if they reject the arbitrator's decision.

Arbitration is best for cases where the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute for them but would like to avoid the formality, time, and expense of a trial. It may also be appropriate for complex matters where the parties want a decision-maker who has training or experience in the subject matter of the dispute.

- **Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC)**

Settlement Conferences are appropriate in any case where settlement is an option. Mandatory Settlement Conferences are ordered by the Court and are often held near the date a case is set for trial. The parties and their attorneys meet with a judge who devotes his or her time exclusively to preside over the MSC. The judge does not make a decision in the case but assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement.

The Los Angeles Superior Court Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC) program is free of charge and staffed by experienced sitting civil judges who devote their time exclusively to presiding over MSCs. The judges participating in the judicial MSC program and their locations are identified in the List of Settlement Officers found on the Los Angeles Superior Court website at <http://www.lacourt.org/>. This program is available in general jurisdiction cases with represented parties from independent calendar (IC) and Central Civil West (CCW) courtrooms. In addition, on an ad hoc basis, personal injury cases may be referred to the program on the eve of trial by the personal injury master calendar courts in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse or the asbestos calendar court in CCW.

In order to access the Los Angeles Superior Court MSC Program the judge in the IC courtroom, the CCW Courtroom or the personal injury master calendar courtroom must refer the parties to the program. Further, all parties must complete the information requested in the Settlement Conference Intake Form and email the completed form to mscdept18@lacourt.org.

Additional Information

To locate a dispute resolution program or neutral in your community:

- Contact the California Department of Consumer Affairs (www.dca.ca.gov) Consumer Information Center toll free at 800-952-5210, or;
- Contact the local bar association (<http://www.lacba.org/>) or;
- Look in a telephone directory or search online for "mediators; or "arbitrators."

There may be a charge for services provided by private arbitrators and mediators.

A list of approved State Bar Approved Mandatory Fee Arbitration programs is available at <http://calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/MemberServices/FeeArbitration/ApprovedPrograms.aspx#19>

To request information about, or assistance with, dispute resolution, call the number listed below. Or you may call a Contract Provider agency directly. A list of current Contract Provider agencies in Los Angeles County is available at the link below.

<http://css.lacounty.gov/programs/dispute-resolution-program-drp/>

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